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NEW FACILITY TO BE DEDICATED FOR THE 103RD AIR CONTROL SQUADRON IN ORANGE Connecticut Air National Guard Unit Gets New State of Art Facility

ORANGE, Conn., - This one of a kind and state of the art facility will serve as the primary training facility for the 103rd Air Control Squadron (ACS) of the Connecticut Air National Guard in Orange and will be dedicated on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. following a \$13 million in total construction cost.

The new facility consists of a two-story main building, two supply/mobility warehouses, a radar tower, and a security building. The main building has more than 47,000 square feet of workspace and 44 rooms that supports Operations, Maintenance and Support functions; the radar tower is 36 feet tall and has 619 square feet of workspace enabling for 360 degree detection capability for our radar and the homeland defense mission; the mobility warehouse on the lower site was enlarged with a 2,400 square foot addition.

The 103rd ACS provides real time detection, identification, and surveillance of air traffic supporting Combat Operations and the Homeland Defense Mission.

“The goal was to improve this facility to meet today’s needs and missions and serve as primary training facility of the 103rd Air Control Squadron,” said Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Connecticut’s Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard.

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Since 1999 the 103rd ACS has been mobilized three times in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE, NOBLE EAGLE, and most recently Operation ENDURING FREEDOM where the 103rd deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan and received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor.

A tour will immediately follow the dedication and ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Media Information

The ribbon cutting ceremony (1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.) and follow on open house is **open to all media**. For support and questions, please call Lt.Col. Whitford at (860) 524-4857 or cell phone (860) 883-5336.

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